

## **PATENT APPLICATION**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasuhiro OMURA et al. Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 09/769,832 Examiner: R. E. Fuller

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For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND METHOD, CATADIOPTRIC OPTICAL SYSTEM AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF DEVICES

## **STATUS REQUEST**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to a Notice of Allowance dated April 9, 2004, Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Amendment on June 1, 2004. Applicants have not received any further communication from the Patent Office in response to the June 1 RCE and Amendment.

Applicants request the Patent Office to act on the June 1 RCE and Amendment. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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